



(9) I'm Called Little Buttercup

I'm called little Buttercup, dear little Buttercup,
Though I can never tell why,
But still I'm called Buttercup, sweet little Buttercup
Dear little Buttercup, I.



Gilbert and Sullivan
from "Pinafore."

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Technique: Another study of Second Finger crossing over the Thumb, this time in the Left Hand. The accompanying chords in the Right Hand should be played lightly.

Appreciation: "Little Buttercup" is one of the celebrated characters in Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "Pinafore." To make the character amusing "Little Buttercup" is always played by a woman who is "large and round and rosy." It was she who, as their nurse, mixed the two children so that the poor child became captain on the ship, "Pinafore," and the high-born child became a common sailor. It was out of this mix-up that the story of the operetta grew. In the end, Little Buttercup's deception is discovered, and the story closes happily for everybody.